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REMARKS

1. On 22 October, the Wilder Mann Kaserne in Dresden quartered about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia.

25X1 On 19 October, 6 soldiers practiced aiming with carbines while about 10 KVP personnel looked on in front of the main entrance at the Heller. On 21 October,

25X1 motor vehicles with sidecars, trucks and other motor vehicles occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced cross-country driving in the area

25X1 of the Heller.

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2. On 22 October, the barracks installation in Uebigau was occupied by about 400 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets, including some with bridge-building insignia. Between 17 and 22 October, soldiers were seen at fatigue duty in the timber yard and in the garages.

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3. On 23 October, the Wilder Mann SS Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including 90 percent with tank insignia and about 10 percent with artillery insignia. On 13 October, about 400 soldiers received combat training in the Heller area. About 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets who apparently came from Klotzsche and who were equipped with 12 light machine guns and submachine guns made an attack in four waves and took trenches occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

25X1 About 200 men engaged in close-order drill in the billeting area. On 14 October, about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in combat practice at the Heller and about 100 other soldiers in carbine firing at the target range of the barracks installation. On 21 October, about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, who came from the direction of Klotzsche, engaged in combat training at Hellerschaenke. About 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets constructed field cable lines along Hellerstrasse. On 23 October, about 100 soldiers enlarged the target range and constructed target devices.

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4. On 24 October, the Hermann Goering Kaserne was occupied by about 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and by about 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 100 troops seem to have returned to the installation during the last days. T-34 tank [redacted] was parked near the workshop, and two other tanks in the workshop, on 22 October. [redacted]
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5. On 24 October, the Napola was occupied by about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and about 10 officers. [redacted]
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6. On 28 October, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Nickern was occupied by 3,000 to 3,600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia and, since recently, black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 21 October, 16 armored personnel carriers [redacted] followed by 6 trucks, each towing a 85-mm AT gun, entered the barracks installation. [redacted] At about 2 a.m. on 23 October, 8 trucks, each towing a 120-mm mortar, entered the installation, coming from the direction of the town. On 25 and 26 October about 3,000 men fell in in the yard of the barracks installation while, at the same time, about 200 men practiced firing at the target range near the installation. [redacted]
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7. On 21 October, 6 x 152-mm field howitzers and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the Niedersedlitz railroad station. 4
8. On 18 October, about 320 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets moved into the MG Kaserne on Alaunplatz. The troops had been engaged in firing practice on the target range about 200 meters east of the Klotzsche railroad station on 16 and 17 October. 2
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9. Comment. The permanent occupation of the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann did not seem to have changed. [redacted] The large number of troops wearing tank insignia [redacted] is worthy of note. Since, however, not more than 12 tanks have so far been observed in the installation, it is still believed that the larger part of the installation is occupied by a motorcycle battalion. The troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets may belong either to the MVD or 27th Gds Mtr Rifle Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div. This regiment is located in an undetermined barracks installation in Dresden. 25X1
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10. Comment. The barracks installation in Dresden-Uebigau is believed to be permanently occupied by an estimated 1,000 troops. The report indicates that some of the elements of the engineer and signal units stationed there had not yet returned from the troop training areas. [redacted]
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11. Comment. The light occupation of the barracks installations in Dresden-Klotzsche cannot be accounted for, specially since reports from the Koenigsruock troop training grounds indicated the evacuation of the summer camps there. [redacted] In addition to the division headquarters in the Napola installation, no less than 1,000 troops and 60 tanks must be quartered in the Hermann Goering Kaserne.
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12. Comment. The Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Nickern is believed occupied by the 399th Gds How Art Regt, the 53d Gds RL Bn and a motorcycle battalion. The troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were commented on [redacted] 1. The field howitzers unloaded at the nearby Niedersedlitz railroad station which, however, are believed to have been of 122 mm instead of 152 mm as stated in the report, are indicative of the howitzer artillery regiment.
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13. Comment. The occupation of the MG Kaserne on Alaunplatz could not be determined. [redacted]
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